Target for energy generation

2002. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the current plan target for the generation of energy;

(b) whether that target is likely to be achieved;

(c) whether any perspective plan has been prepared for the generation of energy during the Eighth Plan period and also towards the end of this century; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The current plan target of capacity addition for power generation has been fixed as 22245 MW. The total generation of power in the terminal year of the plan is expected to be 275 billion units.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) According to the Power Plan (1985-2000) prepared by the Central Electricity Authority, projection for additional capacity needs for 8th Plan and 9th Plan have been made under different situations. However, during the 8th Plan period, it is planned to create additional capacity of about 38000 MW.

Coal India Limited dues against State Electricity Boards

2003. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited is facing difficulties due to colossal outstanding amount against State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, which of the State Electricity Boards are defaulters and what is the total amount outstanding against each of the SEBs;

(c) what are the reasons for the non-recovery of the outstanding dues from the SEBs;

(d) what is the extent of borrowing by CIL and its subsidiaries as a result thereof; and

(e) the manner in which Government propose to recover the outstanding dues from the SEBs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement showing the names of the State Electricity Boards and amount of arrears against each of them as on 30-9-1988 payable to Coal India Limited for coal despatched is given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(c) According to State Electricity Boards, failure on their part in making payment for coal supplied is mainly due to paucity of funds with them. Some of the amount is withheld by power stations on account of disputes relating to quality, quantity, freight etc, of the coal supplied and billed for by the coal companies.

(d) Non-payment of dues by State Electricity Boards in time has impaired the ways and means position of Coal India and its subsidiaries. Coal India meets this situation by utilising bank credit to the extent necessary, by deferring payments to suppliers to the extent possible and by defaulting on repayment of Government loans.

(e) State Governments have been requested to direct SEBs to open Revolving Letters of Credit with coal companies to over sale of coal from December, 1988 and to arrange for liquidation of the arrears by March, 1989 after settlement of pending disputes.